

Ban Johnson May Cancel  
Season Next September

# THE TIMES' COMPLETE SPORTING PAGE

American League Behind  
President Wilson to End

## REDS AND CARDS CLIMB UP CLOSE ON GIANTS' HEELS

Slowly but surely the Cincinnati Reds and the unshakable Cardinals are drawing within snapping distance of the Giants' heels. Today the Giants hold their lead in the National League race by the comfortable margin of seven and a half games, but their defeat at the hands of the weak Cubs isn't relished in New York. Very clear and vivid recollections of what happened to a favored National League club in 1914 when the ignored Braves drove their way to a championship are being held up in front of Gothamites.

## YANKEES LAND DOZEN EXTRA INNING GAMES

When the Yankees won yesterday's fourteen-inning battle from the White Sox they chalked up their sixteenth of the season. The Yanks have a habit of getting into extra-inning battles, and they have a habit of winning them, too.

Decrow's fan has had unusual luck in winning a majority of games that have gone over the regulation time. Of the sixteen games in which the Yankees have appeared, two of them have been tied at ties, leaving fourteen to count upon.

Of these fourteen extra-inning battles, the Yankees have won an even dozen of them, which is traveling at top speed, when it comes to long-time contests.

The Yanks have appeared now in a seventeen-inning affair, which was won from the Browns; a fifteen-inning game, a fourteen-inning battle, and two thirteen-inning contests, all of which have been won.

This unusual mark is thought to be a record. No other team in the league begins to approximate this unusual feat in the matter of long battles.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE READY TO QUIT IN SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK, July 27.—"Our country has gone into a terrific war and all good Americans must be prepared to make sacrifices," said Ban Johnson, president of the American League, just before he boarded the Twentieth Century Limited for Chicago yesterday afternoon.

"The moment the Government says the word we will shorten our season, if necessary, and devote our energy to the great cause for which we are preparing to fight. Baseball not only is the national pastime, but also a big business enterprise, yet it must not be allowed to stand in the way of Uncle Sam's tremendous efforts to raise an army which will win the war."

"The Government needs help from all classes of Americans, and we are ready to obey orders. 'America first' is our battle cry, and I sincerely hope that all of the ball players in both major leagues and in the minors who have been drafted will join the national army without attempting to claim exemptions."

"I feel sure that the ball players are brave and patriotic. They have been royally treated by the public, and they are eager to do something for their country. Athletes make the best soldiers, physical training in sports produces big, powerful young men who have courage and nerve. If the ball players are called to the colors, therefore, it will be their duty to respond manfully and with great enthusiasm."

"Club owners and players alike must realize that patriotism comes before everything. This is not a time to be selfish or mercenary. America is preparing to send 2,000,000 men to France, and the baseball world must help."

Ever since last March army sergeants have been drilling the American League players. Today the players are well versed in military tactics. They have studied the war game with the same energy with which they have learned to play baseball.

If the Government calls the new conscription army to the colors in

## TENNIS STARS ARE ATTRACTING FANS FOR CHARITY FUND

NEW YORK, July 27.—Even though of shorter duration than a year ago, the annual invitation tennis tournament at the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club, which begins August 1 and continues the following three days, has aroused more than ordinary interest.

Already every seat in the stand is sold, and an amount said to be in excess of \$14,000 is in the treasury to be turned over to the ambulance of the Tennis Association, which it is hoped will be swelled to such proportions that these ambulance divisions can be equipped.

Every club contributing \$1,000 will have an ambulance bearing its name at the front in France. On this basis the Seabright organization will have fourteen and perhaps more.

A number of prominent players have already accepted invitations to compete in the round robin doubles, which takes the place of the usual singles event. Also Miss Molla Bjurstedt and Miss Mary Browne will play in an exhibition singles match and also compete in mixed doubles. The men entered for the doubles tournament include William M. Johnston, former national singles champion, and with Clarence J. Griffin, holder of the double championship; Robert Lindley Murray, fourth in the national ranking of last year; Frederick B. Alexander and Karl H. Behr, both former internationalists; Harold A. Throckmorton, national junior champion; Theodore Roosevelt, Peil, Raymond D. Little, Holcombe Ward, Fred C. Inman, and W. Merrill Hall.

## MACK'S TALL PITCHER DEVELOPS AS HITTER

Elmer Myers, Connie Mack's tall hurler, is developing into a regular big league hitter. He is some hitter. Myers has swung the bat for a mark of 400 in his last four games, making nine hits out of fifteen times up for eleven bases.

Wednesday Myers got three out of four in defeating the Tigers, 8 to 2. He defeated Cleveland, 6 to 2, on July 26, getting three out of four. July 15 Detroit beat Myers, 7 to 2, but he got one single in three times up. On July 11 Myers won a 13 to 5 decision over the Browns and got two hits in four trips up.

Myers has won his last three out of four starts, and has batted the aggregate .698. There is near the top of the batters in the American League.

## GRIFFIN CHATTER

Another twin bill today, if it doesn't rain.

Herman Hazzen De Berry caught the second game for the Indians.

"Moon" Harris drew three passes in four trips up in the first game.

"Old Doctor Cox" Ayers flung the last four frames of the opener, Du Mont willing under the heat.

Hank Shanks' neat squeeze play won the opener for his team. He laid down a perfect bunt that scored Milan.

Joe Judge horned in with a couple of clever steps of wide pegs from Hank Shanks. Joe has an educated glove, by the way.

John Henry, not the fastest man in the league, pulled a steal in the fourth inning with Kipper holding the ball. Loud cheers from the throng.

That abbreviated victory was the first for the Indians at Georgia avenue this season, and it served to fill them with "pep" which may last out today.

H. Perch Edwards, Cleveland scribe, complained that "Washington's heat is hurting our boys, who are used to cooler days." In this opinion he is supported by Willie Peet, the only scribe who has his picture on his paper's delivery wagon.

WILL PLAY TODAY.

Printers and Truxtons are billed for today's Roadside League battle at Columbia Park. Today's game is the last of the week in the circuit.

## TENNIS CLUBS IN START OF SECOND HALF OF SCHEDULE

If by any chance there should be fair weather tomorrow, Washington's tennis leagues will start their second half of the season. Rain has interfered somewhat with scheduled matches and practices.

The Suburban League begins its second round with the Racquet Club and Princeton almost neck and neck. Racquet is but two matches ahead of Princeton, and should the Racquet players fail to play the scheduled matches which have been postponed until today Princeton will jump into the lead.

Tomorrow's dates for the Suburban follow: Princeton vs. Home Club; Petworth vs. Euclid; Racquet vs. Holmead and Argyle vs. Standards.

Sherwood has taken the lead in the City and Suburban League and starts the second half of the series with a comfortable lead.

The City and Suburban dates for tomorrow are as follows: Washington Railway and Electric A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A.; Spring Road vs. Fairmont, and Sherwood vs. Takoma.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN.				
	W.	L.	Pct.	Today.
Chicago	50	25	.667	4th
Boston	48	28	.629	5th
Cleveland	46	30	.600	6th
New York	45	31	.590	7th
Detroit	44	32	.577	8th
Washington	42	34	.553	9th
Philadelphia	38	38	.500	10th
St. Louis	35	41	.461	11th

Where They Play.

TODAY

Cleveland at Wash.  
Detroit at Phila.  
Chicago at N. Y.  
St. Louis at Boston.

TOMORROW

Wash. at Cleveland.  
Detroit at Phila.  
Chicago at N. Y.  
St. Louis at Boston.

Yesterday's Games.

Washington, 1; Cleveland, 1. Cleveland, 5; Washington, 3 (second game 3 innings).

St. Louis, 11; St. Louis, 2. Boston, 3; St. Louis, 2.

New York, 6; Chicago, 5 (14 innings).

Philadelphia, 6; Detroit, 1.

NATIONAL.				
	W.	L.	Pct.	Today.
New York	53	29	.645	4th
Cincinnati	48	34	.585	5th
St. Louis	46	36	.561	6th
Philadelphia	45	37	.549	7th
Chicago	44	38	.538	8th
Boston	43	39	.521	9th
Pittsburgh	38	44	.461	10th

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St. Louis at Cin.  
N. Y. at Chicago.  
Boston at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Games.

Chicago, 1; New York, 1.  
Cincinnati, 5; Philadelphia, 2.  
St. Louis, 12; Boston, 0.  
Pittsburgh, 1; Brooklyn, 1.

## BIG LEAGUE BIFFERS.

	AB.	H.	TS.	Ave.
Cobb, Tiger	4	4	7	1.000
Hobbs, Red Sox	2	2	3	1.000
Prest, Brown	2	2	3	1.000
Thorpe, Reds	2	2	3	1.000
Leonard, Griffs	1	1	2	1.000
De Berry, Indians	1	1	2	1.000
Parkett, Phils	1	1	2	1.000
Taubert, Dodgers	4	2	3	.500
Yester, Red Sox	4	2	3	.500

## FANS JEER UMPIRE WHEN HE ABBREVIATES CONTEST

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Though Manager Griffith is considering entering a warm protest against the action of Tommy Connolly in chopping off yesterday's second game after five innings had been completed, he may as well save his ammunition. Protests don't go in the American League. Besides, Byron Bancroft Johnson, boss of the show, is said to be on his way here to look over things—or overlook them, or something.

That Washington fans disagreed with Connolly was shown by their angry words. The arbiter was chased into the dugout by a handful of bugs who insisted on telling him of their disapproval.

"Give us our money back!" yelled some.

"Robber, robber!" came from others. "Don't you want to see Washington win?" rattled and banged against Connolly's brain pan.

McBride is silenced.

"What's the matter, Tommy," asked Captain George McBride, "what's it called off for now?"

"It's none of your business," came the fiery reply from the little Natick monarch, and McBride was silenced.

And it all came about because Connolly got tired of working on a dark day and on the eve of a thunder storm that was growing far off in the western skies.

It's probably true that sufficient light was on hand to permit of at least two more innings. Many games have been played under more gloomy conditions.

But it is also true that Connolly was disgusted with the dilatory tactics of the Griffins an inning or so before when they loaded and staid in the hopes of having rain interfere with the brief triumph of the Indians. You just can't always do that thing.

Bagby is Beaten.

Jim Bagby, one of the Griffins' most particular pests, went down to defeat in the opening clash, though

## PRESIDENT BAUGH NOW EXPLAINS STATEMENT

BIRMINGHAM, July 27.—President Baugh, of the Southern Association, alarmed at the resignations of his official scorers, who charged him with attempting to influence their newspaper writings, has issued an explanation of his statement.

"I never tried to subsidize the press," says Baugh. "I feel that my bulletin to the scorers has been misconstrued."

"My whole idea in writing to the scorers was that, as they were being paid by the league for their services, I wanted their cooperation and assistance in bringing success."

## TRUXTONS TO MEET.

Truxton A. C. will be reorganized tonight at a meeting to be held at 27 Florida avenue northeast. The scope of the club will be broadened, it is reported, and new members solicited.

## GALLIA NOT THERE IN EARLY ROUNDS OF FIRST BATTLE

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Bert Gallia proved anything but effective in the early innings of today's game. The Indians touched him up for five hits and three runs in the first three sessions. In addition, he walked two men, one of whom scored.

Joe Boshling, wearing the same old grin, allowed a run in the first inning, but then settled down.

First Inning.

CLEVELAND—Granny stretched an infield hit past Foster. Chapman sacrificed, Judge to Foster. Roth singled to center scoring Grady. Foster threw out Speaker. Harris filed to H. Milan in left. One run, two hits, no errors.

Second Inning.

WASHINGTON—Judge doubled to center. Evans threw out Foster. Judge reaching third. C. Milan was hit by a pitched ball. C. Milan stole. Chapman threw out Rice. Judge scoring and C. Milan reaching third. Wamby threw out Shanks. One run, one hit, no errors.

Third Inning.

CLEVELAND—Wamby walked. Evans sacrificed, Judge to Foster. Harris filed to Rice. Boshling singled to left, scoring Wamby. Grady filed to Henry. One run, one hit, no errors.

Fourth Inning.

WASHINGTON—H. Milan struck out. Wamby threw out Leonard. Harris filed to Speaker. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fifth Inning.

CLEVELAND—Chapman filed to H. Milan. Speaker singled to center. Roth filed to C. Milan. Harris walked. Wamby doubled to left, scoring Speaker, and putting Harris on third. Evans popped to Foster. One run, two hits, no errors.

Sixth Inning.

WASHINGTON—Evans threw out Gallia. Judge walked. Foster filed to Roth, who doubled up Judge at first. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Seventh Inning.

CLEVELAND—Foster threw out Billings and Boshling. Grady was called out on strikes. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Eighth Inning.

WASHINGTON—C. Milan dropped a safe hit in short right. On a balk C. Milan went to second. Rice filed to Roth. C. Milan reaching third. Shanks fouled to Harris, who made a fine running one-handed catch near the right field pavilion. H. Milan filed to Roth. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Ninth Inning.

CLEVELAND—Leonard threw out Chapman. Shanks threw out Speaker. Roth singled to center. Roth stole. Harris filed to Shanks. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Tenth Inning.

"I don't see why we should not play the world series this fall if we play ball during the regular season."

This was the answer this afternoon of Governor Tener, president of the National League, to the report that Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League, had advocated dispensing with the annual baseball classic while the war was on.

TEAM WOULD PLAY.

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## WESTERN ASSOCIATION HOLDS OPEN GOLF EVENT

Encouraged by the success of its amateur tournament, the Western Golf Association is going through with its open championship, which is to be held at the Westmoreland Country Club at Evanston, Ill., on September 12 and 13.

The association will take \$800 from its treasury for prizes for the professionals and will donate similar sum to the Red Cross. It also will donate all the entrance fees, at \$5 or more a man, to the Red Cross.

Certainly no association willing to go through with a financial program of that kind can be accused of a lack of patriotism. Those fellows out in Chicago can teach our U. S. G. A. officials a thing or two.

CONNIE BUYS PLAYERS.

Connie Mack has bought Paddy Griffin, an infielder, from Lincoln, Neb., the player reported yesterday. He has also completed arrangements for the purchase of Pitcher Watkins from Fort Smith, Ark.

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